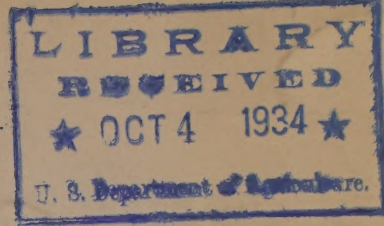


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SPRING  
CATALOGUE





Cape Town,

August, 1934.

Another sowing season—and, naturally, you want to make the most of it. In the following pages you will find a selection of all the newest, most decorative and easiest to grow flowers, as well as new and improved vegetables. We do not think you can afford to omit reading this catalogue from cover to cover, as we feel sure you will find at least a few outstanding items for your garden.

You must recognise by now the position we maintain with regard to the introduction of the latest varieties. Our search for something new places us in contact with almost every country in the Globe, and you thereby receive the benefit of being able to purchase the most worthwhile items here as fast as they are introduced overseas.

We have not been able to mark any items with a special indicator, as we normally do, to show special merit, as this would apply to everything in the list, but we should like to draw your attention here to our announcement regarding the new Nasturtiums.

As usual, we offer you something free for every 10/- worth of items you order. This time you may select any packet of seed valued at 1/-, or any two 6d. packets. Orders in excess of £1 may, in addition, receive a free box of "GREENFEEDS"—the new plant food.

May we remind country customers that, if cash is sent with order, all seeds in packets are sent post free, but this naturally does not apply to heavy items such as Peas, Beans and Corn. We are careful to send all such parcels by the cheapest method.

Very truly yours,

*Howie's*

P.S.—As re-organization by the African Broadcasting Company makes it impossible for us to sponsor further garden talks, we hope you will take advantage of our offer to give you every assistance if you will let us know when advice and help are needed.





All items listed in this catalogue may be planted from August until the end of November; where specially marked, certain items may be planted as late as January.

Where numbers appear against varieties, they refer to the illustrations in the centre pages and should be used as reference.

## ASTERS

Asters are so well known and largely grown in the Peninsula and Province that we have added a few new types to our list this season. There are many more varieties, of course, but we can safely say that the following list comprises the largest as well as the most suitable types of flower known to the Garden World.

If you find difficulty in growing Asters, try the **WILT-RESISTANT** Strains. We introduced these last season and they were most successful. Very soon we hope to be able to offer every type as being completely wilt-resistant. They are denoted below by the initials "W. R."

**IMPORTANT.** It is advisable to spray Aster plants, from a very early age, with Arsenate of Lead to avoid the Aster grub, which eats away the centres, thus causing poor crops, if not complete failure.

### (10) "LOS ANGELES"— SUPER GIANT.

If you want the largest and most double Aster yet produced—this is it! The flowers are from six to eight inches across. You will see from the photograph what a fine form it has, and the colour is a beautiful soft shell pink, blending to a creamy pink at the centre. The plants grow to a height of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet, with 6 to 8 long stems to each plant. This one must be tried.

(Limited supply) 1/- per packet.

### (4) "AZURE FAIRY." Paeony-Flowered.

This is the first time we have offered the paeony-flowered Aster in separate colours, as the popular taste here has so far only run to the "Giants of California" or "Ostrich Feather" type. However, the Paeony Aster is a firm favourite overseas and has been much improved of late years. They are well worth a trial and our photo will show its form. "Azure Fairy" is a delicate clear azure blue, and a delightful colour for indoor decoration. .... 6d. per packet.

We also offer in the same class:

### "SILVERY ROSE."

A fine pink. .... 6d. per packet.

### "SPECIAL PAEONY-FLOWERED MIXTURE."

6d. per packet, 3/9 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce, 6/- per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

As a contrast to the usual colours in Asters of the large types, we are including two varieties of quite distinct colour. They will make an unusual show together, or in combination with others.

### "PEERLESS YELLOW."

The finest yellow Aster known.

6d. per packet.

### "W. R. CRIMSON GIANT."

Free flowering and brilliant.

6d. per packet.

For general use, the most popular Asters are our

### "GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA."

They are large and full—in fact, the largest Asters grown (except the new "LOS ANGELES" above)—and we can guarantee our strain to be from the finest pedigreed stock. In the past, many customers have brought in flowers measuring over 6 inches across, and grown them without special care too! The following colours are available:—

Apple Blossom:—Clear light pink.

Dark Purple:—As named.

Carmine Rose:—A deep rich pink.

Light Blue:—As named.

Light Purple:—As named.

Crimson:—As named.

6d. per packet.

4/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.

7/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

13/6 per oz.

Special Mixture of the above....6d. per packet.

3/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 7/- per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 12/6 per oz.

As a contrast, you might care to grow single instead of double flowers of the same GIANT type; we therefore include a selection of these. The flowers are 4 to 5 inches across and very decorative when cut.

### "SINGLE GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA."

Special Mixture ..... 6d. per packet.

1/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 2/9 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 5/- per oz.

See Page 14 for Sundries and Fertilisers.





Probably every gardener knows the

### "OSTRICH FEATHER"

Aster, so we have included three of the best colours:—

"Ostrich Feather" Crimson.	6d. per packet.
"Ostrich Feather" Dark Blue.	2/6 per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
"Ostrich Feather" Deep Rose.	2/4 per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
	8/- per oz.
"Ostrich Feather" Special Mixture.	6d. per packet.
	2/- per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz., 6/- per oz.

### (9) THE "SUNSHINE"

type of Aster is certainly gaining in popularity, especially as a cut flower. Those who have tried this fine type in past seasons invariably grow it again. It has a single flower, but the centre differs in colour from the surrounding petals, creating a charming effect. It is well to remember that the true type in this Aster is the last to flower. The blooms are 4 to 5 inches across.

**SPECIAL MIXTURE:—**6d. per packet,  
4/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 7/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 13/6 per oz.

If you have never grown the "LILLIPUT" strain of Asters, you should try them. They form plants 14 to 16 inches high, which are covered with small flowers and are excellent for bordering or cutting for use in mixed bowls.

**SPECIAL MIXTURE.....**6d. per packet.

And now for a mixture of the very finest Aster seed obtainable. You probably know our "CHALLENGE MIXTURES" by now. It is sufficient to say that we guarantee this mixture to contain only the largest and finest varieties of Asters grown anywhere, and we are prepared to "challenge" any competing mixture.

### HOWIE'S CHALLENGE MIXTURE.

1/- per packet, 4/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.

For those requiring a **WILT-RESISTANT** strain try:—

### HOWIE'S SPECIAL "WILT-RESISTANT" MIXTURE.

6d. per packet.  
3/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 5/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 10/- per oz.

The perennial Aster or Michaelmas Daisy is too well known to need much mention, but we must suggest that everyone interested in this useful flower should try our new mixture of all the latest hybrids. .... 6d. per packet.

**QUOTATIONS FOR LARGER QUANTITIES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE VARIETIES OF ASTERS WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN.**

**"LOS ANGELES" is the Largest Aster known.—**(Page 3.)

## ZINNIAS

If we allowed ourselves to think as much of our Zinnias as some of our customers told us they did last season, we would feel inclined to issue a separate list of these flowers only, and leave everything else to look after itself! The Zinnia is one of the easiest flowers to grow, it is most decorative when cut, and in the garden its gay colours make a glorious show. Probably no other flower repays the grower so handsomely as the Zinnia, and we are going to suggest that you grow more and more Zinnias this season.

We have proved from actual trials that Zinnias can be sown from the middle of August right through to the end of January, or even the beginning of February. The only care needed is at the beginning of the period—namely, August. Seed boxes or beds should be protected at that time, but not necessarily later. We suggest, therefore, that you sow successive crops of these wonderful flowers, so as to have an unbroken supply throughout the summer and late autumn. They stand the heat and dryness of our summer better than most flowers, and virtually look after themselves. Applications of Bonemeal will prolong the flowering period and should be liberally used.

The

### "DAHLIA FLOWERED ZINNIA"

is the acme of its species, and we give below a list of ten specially selected colours which we have found to be the best. We may say that this strain was responsible for many of our customers obtaining first prizes at various shows last season—including the famous Paarl Show, probably the most competitive of all. Individual flowers measure 6 to 7 inches across.

**Canary Bird:—**Rich canary yellow.

**Dream:—**Deep lavender.

**Exquisite:—**Light rose, deep rose centre.

**Illumination:—**Deep rose self.

**Polar Bear:—**Very large pure white.

**Scarlet Flame:—**Vivid scarlet.

**Crimson Monarch:—**Immense Deep Crimson.

**Golden Dawn:—**Golden Yellow.

**Oriole:—**Orange and gold bicolour.

**Giant Attraction:—**Brick red.

**All 6d. per packet.**

2/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 4/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 8/- per oz.

**Special Mixture of above.....**6d. per packet,

2/3 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 4/- per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 7/6 per oz.

Special Collection of these  
10 packets for 4/-.





### **"CROWN O' GOLD" MIXTURE.**

This is definitely an aristocrat among Zinnias, and is chiefly popular because of the formation of its colouring. Each petal is overlaid with a deep golden yellow at the base, while the tip carries out the individual colour. .... 1/- per packet.

### **(8) HOWIE'S "CHALLENGE GOLD MEDAL MIXTURE."**

We have mentioned above the confidence we have in our "CHALLENGE" Mixtures, and we can only repeat that this contains the very finest selection of colours in the Dahlia Flowered Zinnia. This strain of ours is always selected for the Cape Town Municipal Gardens, and the picture shows a bed of our Zinnias in bloom there. .... 1/- per packet.

3/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 5/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 10/- per oz.

### **HOWIE'S "ORANGE GLOW" SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

There is a great popular demand for the fashionable Orange, Gold and Buff shades, and we have selected the most outstanding of these for inclusion in this mixture. The illustration (much reduced) on our cover gives an idea of the worth of this mixture.

1/- per packet.

### **LILLIPUT ZINNIA "SCARLET GEM."**

These fascinating little Zinnias make charming borders, and this brilliant scarlet one is especially suitable for this purpose. Height 1—1 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Flowers about as large as a 2/- piece. .... 6d. per packet.

### **LILLIPUT SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

6d. per packet.

### **QUILLED OR CACTUS ZINNIA "PORCUPINE MIXTURE."**

These flowers make a pretty contrast with other types and are worth growing from that point of view alone. .... 6d. per packet.

### **(5) HOWIE'S "SCABIOUS FLOWERED" SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

This is definitely one of the finest flowers we have ever seen for decorative cut flower work. The Scabious Flowered Zinnia is not exactly new, having been introduced about three years ago, but up to now the colours have been limited. We are now able to offer a mixture which for sheer brilliance of individual colour beats any other flower we know. We cannot recommend this variety too highly for use in mixed vases, and we

guarantee that you will be more than charmed with the results. If you try nothing else you must try these.

(Limited supply) 1/- per packet.

## **MARIGOLDS**

It seems as if Marigolds are becoming more and more popular as the years roll on, and certainly the warm orange and yellow hues of this flower create a comforting effect not only in the house, but also in the garden. Its ability to stand up to our summer heat is also a big factor, and you should grow it in difficult corners especially. We would like to mention here that, far from being a summer flower only, the Marigold may safely be planted towards the autumn for winter decoration. Some of the finest blooms we have ever seen were picked in June!

### **(7) "GUINEA GOLD"**

(Carnation Flowered).

We introduced this variety last year, and every grower has been delighted with it. At one period we were sold right out and could not obtain supplies from our usual sources overseas until another crop was harvested.

This season we offer a special re-selected strain, which we guarantee to be the finest in cultivation. The blooms are from 3 to 4 inches across and are carried on long stems. The colour is a magnificent golden orange.

6d. per packet, 2/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.

### **(12) "ALL DOUBLE."**

Another new Marigold and one which has received an AWARD OF MERIT from the Royal Horticultural Society. It grows to a height of 3 feet and has large closely quilled flowers of deep orange. It is definitely "All Double." .... 6d. per packet.

### **(14) "GOLDEN BALL."**

This is a dwarf variety and really a vast improvement on the old type of short Marigold. It does not grow taller than 10 to 12 inches, and is covered with a mass of shapely flowers. Excellent for bordering.

6d. per packet.

### **"PIGMY."**

An even more Lilliputian variety of Marigold and one which would do wonderfully in a rockery. .... 6d. per packet.

### **"TAGETES."**

A species of Marigold which is largely grown overseas for bordering. It is really a miniature Marigold of the single type and well worth a trial on account of its mass of tiny flowers. .... 6d. per packet.

**"CRYSTAL APPLE" Cucumber is Perfectly Digestible.—(Page 12.)**





## DAHLIAS

There should certainly be more keenness displayed in growing these popular flowers from seed. During the past two seasons we have introduced several types and customers report excellent results. We therefore offer some new strains, and urge a trial. Contrary to general opinion, they flower quite easily and quickly from seed, and are no more difficult to grow than Zinnias or Asters. The tubers formed the first season, moreover, are quite fit to hold over for the following year, and will increase thereafter in the usual manner. There is a great deal of fun, too, in seeing what colours appear.

### "ORCHID FLOWERED."

As its name implies, this is of a distinctive type and colouring. It has an exceptionally graceful flower and is an addition to any collection. .... 1/- per packet.

### "CACTUS FLOWERED" SPECIAL MIXTURE.

This is a strain collected from a first-class selection of the Cactus type of Dahlia, probably the most popular, and certainly the most artistic of the large-flowered variety. It has many beautiful colours. .... 1/- per packet.

### "COLTNESS GEM."

This is the most popular Dahlia grown from seed, and is very well known overseas. It is a dwarf single type and excellent for bedding or bordering, while as a cut flower it makes a charming picture. The two most distinctive colours are scarlet and yellow. These two may be had separately or mixed.

6d. per packet.

### (6) "ANNANDALE DWARF HYBRIDS" (Re-selected).

Since introducing this Hybrid mixture two years ago, we have firmly established its popularity—and no wonder. It flowers about 3½ months after sowing, and is quite as easy to grow as a Zinnia. There are many excellent colours, including Scarlets, Pinks, Oranges, Yellows, Mauves, etc., and this re-selected strain is naturally a great improvement on our first introduction. .... 6d. per packet.

### "PAEONY FLOWERED."

A distinct type of Dahlia and a fine variety to add to your collection. .... 6d. per packet.

## "HOWIE'S CHALLENGE MIXTURE."

This is also a mixture from a special show collection, but of only large-flowered double varieties. It has a splendid range and will produce a very high percentage of full double flowers. .... 1/- per packet.

(DON'T FORGET THAT WE HAVE A SPLENDID MIXTURE OF NAMED TUBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN OCTOBER. ASK FOR OUR LIST THEN.)

## SALPICLOSSIS

We have often emphasised the growing of this flower and we do so again because of its real merits. Once the difficulty of germination is over, there is no trouble growing them, and the results are most satisfactory.

### "FLORADALE PURPLE."

The Richest dark variety, and an entirely new shade of this flower. It is a deep velvety purple, very large and most striking when mixed with red or gold flowers.

6d. per packet.

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

A large variety of colours.

6d. per packet.

## PETUNIAS

This is another flower which we have often suggested for summer use. The manner in which it stands up to the heat and wind of summer is marvellous. It is positively amazing to see a plant broken down by the South-Easter, start all over again with a little careful treatment and regular watering. You will find a long list of varieties in our larger autumn catalogue, so here we will only mention new and exceptional strains.

### "ROSIE."

An outstanding novelty in the Dwarf Giant class. It is a rich rosy lavender, shading deeper towards a wide open throat. The flowers are mammoth in size and beautifully netted. They make a wonderful show as a border or in a bed by themselves.

6d. per packet.

### "PINK GEM."

If you wish to be right up to date, try this Petunia. It has just won a Gold Medal Award for 1934! The first of a charming new race of miniature Petunias, it forms a neat

"ORANGE GLOW" Zinnia Mixture for Autumn Shades.—(Page 5.)





compact plant 5 to 6 inches high literally smothered with deep pink blooms. A plant 8 inches in diameter will carry as many as 25 to 30 flowers at one time! Imagine a mass of these in a rockery or as a border with Blue Ageratum. .... 6d. per packet.

### HOWIE'S CHALLENGE MIXTURE.

The finest and most up-to-date selection of fringed Petunias it is possible for us to collect. That is all we can say. .... 1/- per packet.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS (ANNUAL)

It seems a pity that the Japanese and Chinese types of Chrysanthemum should have stolen most of the thunder from the annual type. The ease of their culture, compared with the elaborate preparations necessary for the above varieties, ought to make them widely grown, quite apart from their real beauty. They are also one of the finest cut flowers.

### "FLORADALE HYBRIDS."

This strain is the result of years of selection by a famous grower, and is one which will give exceptionally fine results. The flowers are fully double and contain white, yellows, purples, scarlets, etc.

6d. per packet, 4/6 per oz.

### "ECLIPSE."

Popular shades of gold and bronze.

6d. per packet.

### "GOLDEN FEATHER."

A variety especially noted for its fine golden leaves. .... 6d. per packet.

### HOWIE'S CHALLENGE MIXTURE.

This mixture is from a collection of prize show varieties of the Chinese Chrysanthemum, and for the interest in possibly obtaining a valuable addition for your collection it is well worth a trial. .... 1/- per packet.

### (2) "SHASTA DAISY"

New Giant Double.

This new Shasta is truly magnificent. It grows like the old single type, but the petals are narrower and interlacing. The effect is very much like a Giant White Aster, or Japanese Chrysanthemum. Quite a novelty.

1/- per packet.

## COSMOS

This flower is considered a weed in many quarters, but such improvements have been made in recent years not only to size, but by additional colours, that it is now an important garden subject. It is so easy to grow and needs so little attention, that it is the best flower for covering odd corners or bare patches.

### (3) "ORANGE FLARE."

A new and very much improved variety of the Klondyke Cosmos, which was very little grown on account of its taking so long to flower. Orange Flare has been bred with the express purpose of producing earlier flowers, and these should appear just over four months from sowing. The colour is a vivid orange and the foliage an attractive light green. It should certainly be grown for its decorative effect. .... 6d. per packet.

### SPECIAL DOUBLE MIXED.

6d. per packet.

### SPECIAL SINGLE MIXED.

6d. per packet.

## CORNFLOWER

We include a new and improved variety especially for growing as a contrast and for cut flowers.

### "ANNANDALE BLUE."

Extra double flowers of a very deep intense blue and enormous size. Quite outstanding.

6d. per packet, 4/- per oz.

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

6d. per packet.

## CANDYTUFT

### "MINIATURE GEM."

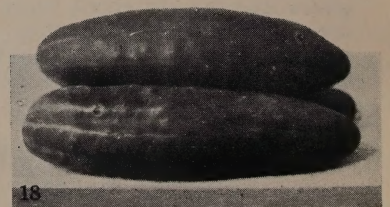
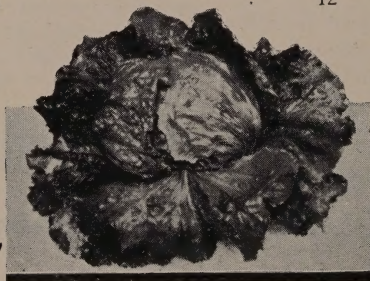
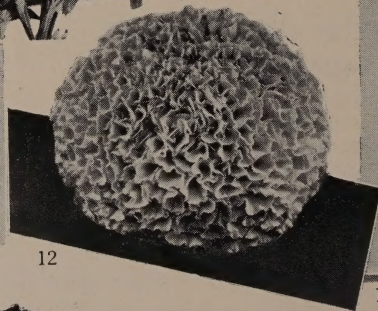
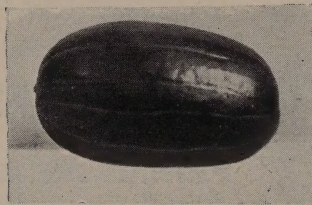
Especially included for the rock garden or crazy pavement. It is the result of special selection and is a dainty hyacinth flowered Candytuft about 3½ inches high. Each plant produces 4 to 6 spikes. .... 6d. per packet.

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

6d. per packet.

"NEW YORK S.S." Lettuce will crop in Summer.—(Page 12.)

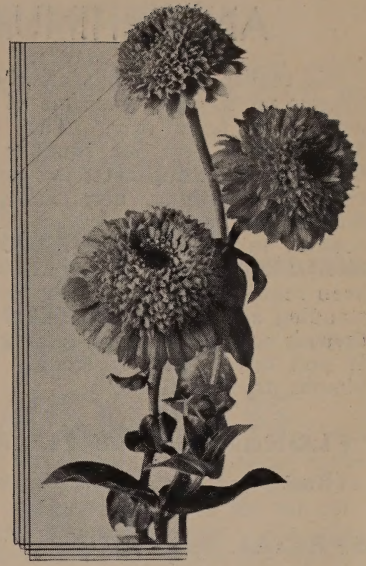








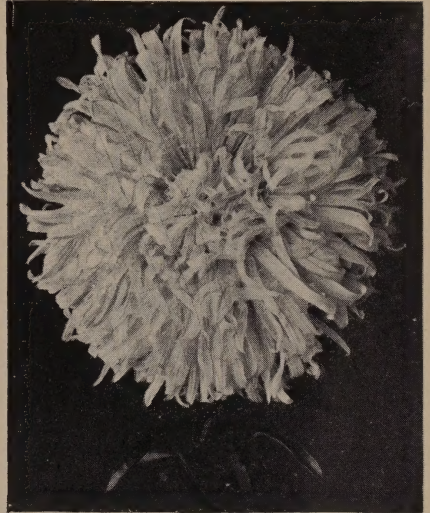
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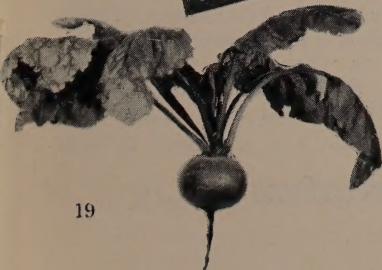
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## ANTIRRHINUMS

We realise that comparatively few Antirrhinums are sown at this time of the year, but we do not know why. They do very well indeed sown now for summer and autumn flowering. At any rate, we cannot help including something new in these popular flowers, and, as usual, we are the first in the country to offer "**RUST-PROOF ANTIRRHINUMS.**" Literally, years of breeding have been required for the production of this outstanding advance in Antirrhinum culture, but there is no need to go on talking about them! If you have had any trouble with Antirrhinums, try this strain.

### "FLORADALE MIXTURE."

(Rust Proof). ..... 1/- per packet.

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

(Other varieties). ..... 6d. per packet.

## VERBENA

### "SPECTRUM RED."

This new Verbena is an intense bright red, and, having no eye, the colour is doubly intensified. It is quite the brightest verbena introduced and it received special mention in the 1934 trials of a famous overseas selection committee. Individual florets are  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, and it would make a marvellous show in a rockery or on a sloping bank.

6d. per packet.

## NICOTIANA

A very much neglected flower, but with this new hybrid mixture, we hope to persuade you into trying it this season. It is a very easy flower to grow, and is now available in many colours. For its scent alone, it is worth growing. .... 6d. per packet.

## PORTULACAS

For our hot summer, no flower does quite so well for bordering or massed effect than the double and single Portulacas. These plants are easy to grow, but care should be taken when germinating, as the seed is so fine, it is easily washed out, and poor germination is blamed. Our mixtures are specially selected and contain a fine variety of colours.

"GLEAM" Nasturtiums are worth waiting for.—(Page 15.)

### SPECIAL SINGLE MIXED.

6d. per pkt.,  $1\frac{1}{3}$  per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.,  $2\frac{1}{6}$  per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.,  
4/6 per oz.

### SPECIAL DOUBLE MIXED.

6d. per pkt., 4/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz.

## PRIMULA

We offer a limited quantity of the finest new Primula introduced for years. It is a glorious orange-red, and is creating a sensation overseas.

### "DAZZLER" (SINENSIS).

2/6 per packet.

## BALSAMS

Just scatter a packet of our special mixture of Balsams somewhere in your garden. They grow themselves, provided they are watered, and if you don't think that you have had sixpence worth of value when they flower, we will give you a packet of anything else you like—for nothing!

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

6d. per packet.

## CELOSIA AND AMARANTHUS

We have seen some gardens decorated with nothing else than these plants during late summer, and though we have no intention of persuading you to confine yourselves to these alone, we do wish to show what can be done with them. They afford an excellent contrast with their bright leaves, and are most decorative.

### CELOSIA SPECIAL HYBRIDS.

6d. per packet.

### AMARANTHUS "MOLTEN FIRE."

6d. per packet.

## SUNFLOWERS

No preface is necessary in connection with these flowers—they are too well known. However, we cannot omit emphasising the lesser known varieties, as they should be more generally grown. All of them are excellent for cutting and they stand any amount of heat.





### **"APOLLO."**

One of the miniature types, growing 3 to 4 feet, with star-shaped flowers, 2 to 3 inches across. Bright gold. .... 6d. per packet.

### **"ANNANDALE DOUBLE."**

Like the above, but with double flowers which have twisted petals resembling a Cactus Dahlia. .... 6d. per packet.

### **(13) "FLORADALE RED HYBRIDS."**

A fine new strain of the latest shades in red and bronze. The flowers are most suitable for decoration. .... 6d. per packet.

### **SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

All varieties of miniature types. .... 6d. per packet.

### **"MEXICAN SUNFLOWER "**

or **TITHONIA SPECIOSA.** This should really be classed with Zinnias, as it is more like one of them, but as it is commonly called a Sunflower, we include it here. It forms a very tall bush 5 to 7 feet high and is covered with long-stemmed flowers like single Zinnias of a brilliant terra-cotta-orange colour. It is very suitable for planting behind a high hedge where there is plenty of sun. And, of course, most suitable for cutting. .... 6d. per packet.

## **COLEUS**

This beautifully coloured leaf-plant is being grown more often now-a-days for stoep and indoor decoration. Our strain has an enormous variety of markings. .... 1/- per packet.

## **POPPIES**

Shirley Poppies have been developed to such a point that they are a valuable addition to the garden which needs a splash of colour. We have selected a few special strains which have particular merit and we confidently recommend them.

### **"DOUBLE QUEEN."**

These poppies are fully double and contain many striking colours. The flowers themselves resemble Carnations and are quite suitable for cutting. .... 6d. per packet.

### **SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

A re-selected strain of the very finest single type of flowers. .... 6d. per packet.

## **PYRETHRUM**

This pretty little flower is not very widely grown, but we certainly think it should be. Not only as a border is the golden-leaved type very useful, but the flowering variety is charming in rockeries or sloping beds.

### **"AUREUM."**

(Golden Feather) for bordering. .... 6d. per packet.

### **SPECIAL MIXTURE.**

(Flowering). .... 6d. per packet.

## **GLADIOLI BULBS**

We expect a consignment of these bulbs about the end of August, and they will then be ready for immediate planting for the production of early summer flowers. We offer them in a fine mixture at 2/6 per dozen. Postage and packing approximately 1/- per dozen.

## **VEGETABLES**

(Don't say that you "can't be bothered growing vegetables"—try some of these new varieties and experience the thrill of being able to say "I grow my own!")

## **BEANS**

### **"TENDERGREEN."**

(**STRINGLESS.**) This is quite an outstanding new green-podded bush Bean. The plants are large, erect, prolific, with heavy dark green foliage. 51 to 55 days from planting to eating stage. The pods are 5½—6½ inches long, absolutely stringless and fibreless, fleshy and smooth. And, of course, the flavour is excellent.

6d. per pkt., 1/3 per ½ pint, 2/6 per pint.

### **CANADIAN WONDER.**

The most widely grown Bean, and too well known to need description. The main-crop Bean in this country.

6d. per pkt., 8d. per ½ pint, 1/3 per pint.

### **GOLDEN BUTTER.**

A yellow soft-podded Bean, becoming very popular on account of its fine, delicate flavour and prolific habits. Black seeded. Dwarf.

6d. per pkt., 9d. per ½ pint, 1/6 per pint.

**PLANT BOXES and FIBRE POTS simplify gardening.—(Page 14.)**





## SCARLET RUNNER.

An old favourite and still widely grown. Very decorative.

6d. per pkt., 8d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint, 1/3 per pint.

## CUCUMBERS

### (20) CRYSTAL APPLE.

An ideal family variety. The fruits are almost round, a creamy white in colour at all stages. It does not turn yellow at maturity. Exceptionally prolific, crisp and mild. We can definitely announce that this type of Cucumber is ousting the usual varieties in some countries on account of its complete digestibility. It should be grown by all who cannot eat the usual Cucumber.

6d. per pkt., 1/6 per oz.

### (18) COOL AND CRISP.

The very finest of the long green Cucumbers, and one which crops heavily, keeps its fine green colour, and of course has an excellent flavour.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz., 3/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

## SWEETCORN

### (16) "TENDERGOLD" HYBRID.

As you probably all know, it is impossible to import any maize into this country, except by special permit and in limited quantities. We are, however, able to offer a limited quantity of this new hybrid Sweet Corn. It is an improved and earlier type of Golden Bantam, and about twice as productive. It has 7 to 8-inch 12-rowed ears, and for tenderness and succulence it cannot be excelled. We are certain that nothing like it has yet been offered to the South African public.

(Limited Quantity) 6d. per pkt.

### "COUNTRY GENTLEMAN."

(Re-selected). We have also a limited quantity of imported seed of this variety. It is so well known that there is no need to describe it. Our strain is the very finest obtainable. .... 6d. per packet.

### COLONIAL SWEET CORN.

We have supplies of the best Colonial grown seed, which we can offer in bulk.

6d. per pkt., 1/6 per lb.

"GUINEA GOLD" Marigold is excellent for cutting.—(Page 5.)

## CARROT

### (21) BUNCHING.

While this Carrot has been specially developed for market growers, on account of its uniformity for bunching, we recommend it for home use. It is smooth and of fine colour and flavour with practically no core.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz.

### HALF LONG IMPROVED.

6d. per pkt., 9d. per oz., 1/9 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### OXHEART.

A short and stumpy Carrot—very quick growing and good for soups, etc., when young. 6d. per pkt., 9d. per oz., 1/9 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

## BEET

### (19) FLORADALE.

Most gardeners never give a thought to the variety they grow, merely asking for "a packet of Beet, please," but we think this one should definitely be tried. It is a deep blood red, uniformly round in growth. Tender, sweet and entirely free from stringiness. Excellent for bottling.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz.

### HOWIE'S EARLY FLAT EGYPTIAN XXX.

A special strain of our own, which is extra early, and a firm favourite with market gardeners. 6d. per pkt., 1/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 4/6 per lb.

## LETTUCE

### (17) HOWIE'S NEW YORK SPECIAL S.S.

So popular was this Lettuce last season that we were obliged to treble our stock for the coming season. It is specially bred for summer planting, and it does not run to seed as others do in the hot weather. It is a very large ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ —2 lbs. in weight), crisp and curly, cabbage variety. Dark green in colour, and exceptionally tender to eat. Our name is behind this Lettuce as the finest on the market. 6d. per pkt., 2/- per oz., 7/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.





## TOMATOES

Probably no other vegetable gives such great satisfaction to grow as the Tomato. It is easily grown, crops well if you have the right seed, and it is so pleasant to be able to pick your own when you want them. We do not stock the miserable corrugated variety. All our Tomatoes are specially selected and are imported under special permit owing to the embargo on Tomato seed coming into this country. Try a packet as an investment!

### (15) REDSKIN. (New) Extra Early.

This is the best early Tomato in existence. It is just the right size for the home, and especially fine for the market gardener. 100% smooth and exceptionally prolific. The fruits are of fine colour and unusually solid.

6d. per pkt., 3/- per oz.

### "CARTER'S SUNRISE."

A favourite export variety, and our strain is certified. Produces just the type of fruit needed for packing.

6d. per pkt., 2/6 per oz., 7/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### "BEAUTY."

Another old favourite, but still widely grown. Large and smooth.

6d. per pkt., 1/9 per oz., 6/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### "PONDEROSA."

The largest Tomato grown. Individual fruits sometimes weigh 2—3 lbs. Somewhat flat shaped. .... 6d. per pkt., 2/6 per oz.

### "BREAK O' DAY."

This variety has quite superseded Earliana or Chalk's as an early Tomato. Specially bred for its market qualities.

6d. per pkt., 2/- per oz.

### SPECIAL MIXTURE.

All our large red, smooth varieties together. No crinkled varieties included. Varying degrees of earliness.

6d. per pkt., 1/6 per oz.

## MELONS

We think it must be owing to the cheapness with which Melons may be bought during the summer months that makes the average gardener so chary of growing them himself. But on how many occasions are the Melons really enjoyable? They are more often than not picked either too green or too ripe, and the result is—well, you know! Try growing the

two varieties listed. We have specially selected both of them as being by far the best Melons we have ever offered. (The Musk Melon is illustrated and described on our back cover.)

### (11) SUGAR SWEET. (Watermelon).

A medium-sized, dark-skinned and richly coloured melon. The flesh is crisp and as sweet as its name. There is no stringiness even in old age—but we do not anticipate your keeping it for so long.

6d. per pkt., 9d. per oz., 2/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

## MARROWS AND SQUASHES

### "LITTLE GEM."

This is the small, round green Squash, which is so popular. It is amazingly prolific and is useful for covering fences, etc. This vegetable is quite the tastiest of its kind, and may be cooked in its own skin when young. It is also usable even when very old, but of course the skin and seeds should then be removed. Try storing a few thoroughly ripe ones for two or three months, and extend the season for these delicious Squashes.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz., 3/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### LONG WHITE BUSH.

### LONG GREEN BUSH.

The usual market varieties.

6d. per pkt., 9d. per oz., 2/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### GOLDEN AND SILVER CUSTARD.

The round, flat scalloped Squashes so popular for use when very young. Have you ever tried them when about the size of half-crowns? 6d. per pkt., 9d. per oz., 2/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

## PUMPKIN

### "SMALL SUGAR."

A variety which grows to a convenient size—about 12-15 inches in diameter. It keeps well owing to its high sugar content, and the flavour is superb. The best Pumpkin for garden use.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz., 3/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

### "MAMMOTH."

This one grows to an enormous size and it is good fun seeing how large you can obtain them. We have seen specimens weighing nearly 100 lbs.

6d. per pkt., 1/- per oz., 3/6 per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.

GROW DAHLIAS FROM SEED.—(Page 6.)





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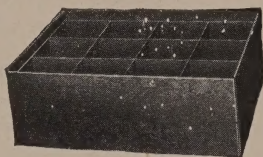
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